

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 1,257 new fires reported for the week. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DUSTIN	OK	OMA	2000	100	---	13	0	5	0	0	NR
POWERLINE	OK	OKS	400	100	---	5	0	2	0	0	NR

OMA=Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs OKS= Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: In the Southern Area, gusty southerly winds will be found over portions of Texas and Oklahoma Friday and Saturday. A cold front will bring rain to Texas on Saturday, and then move east to the Carolinas by Wednesday. Another storm system moves across the Southern Area Wednesday and Thursday. In Southern California, high pressure will prevail through Thursday except for a weak system moving through the area Monday and Tuesday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Showers. Snow level 3000 feet north and 5,000 feet south.	50 to 65 coastal areas. 30 to 45 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 58 to 68 low deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 12 to 25 mph with higher gusts over mountains and deserts. Lighter elsewhere.



www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp

CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					252		252
Eastern Area	FIRES					115	20	135
	ACRES					1,434	304	1,738
Southern Area	FIRES	15		3		1,077	20	1,115
	ACRES	6,560		1,234		7,281	300	15,375
TOTAL	FIRES	15	0	3	0	1,198	41	1,257
	ACRES	6,560	0	1,234	0	8,967	604	17,365

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES			1		108	25	134
	ACRES			1		17	10	28
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					859		859
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		2	3	8	14
	ACRES		1		1	2	8	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	4	3	8
	ACRES				0	4,194	63	4,257
Eastern Area	FIRES					115	28	143
	ACRES					3,655	241	3,896
Southern Area	FIRES	59		9	1	4,158	60	4,287
	ACRES	13,351		3,396	1	28,208	1,165	46,121
TOTAL	FIRES	59	1	10	4	4,389	124	4,587
	ACRES	13,351	1	3,397	2	36,935	1,487	55,173

Eight Year Average Fires	7,513
Eight Year Average Acres	132,058

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in February

and

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		180				63	243
Northern California	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				1		68	69
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						160	160
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						49	49
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0	1			3	4
	ACRES		2	40			55	97
Eastern Area	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				707		1,377	2,084
Southern Area	FIRES	13		23	11	10	134	191
	ACRES	3,084		14,878	8,434	2,499	123,938	152,833
TOTAL	FIRES	13	1	24	14	10	155	217
	ACRES	3,084	182	14,918	9,142	2,499	125,740	155,565

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		21	1			25	47
	ACRES		1,796	10			480	2,286
Northern California	FIRES		0	3	4		33	40
	ACRES		1	2,489	12		868	3,370
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	1		36	40
	ACRES		23	0	10		3,048	3,081
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,200	1,200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southwest	FIRES	8	4		1		64	77
	ACRES	3,145	1,190		12		1,517	5,864
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	3	2	3	2	15	28
	ACRES	159	83	35	107	49	1,373	1,806
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	2	17	21
	ACRES				707	1,000	4,160	5,867
Southern Area	FIRES	22		60	22	67	393	564
	ACRES	4,749		30,212	23,002	60,187	359,656	477,806
TOTAL	FIRES	33	30	67	33	71	586	820
	ACRES	8,053	3,093	32,746	23,850	61,236	372,332	501,310

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area					1					
Southern Area				14		1				12
Total	0	0	0	14	1	1	0	0	0	12

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